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Reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 Expedited Procedure Examining Group 1711

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Stephan Franz Westermann, et al.)
For: PNEUMATIC TIRE HAVING A)
RUBBER COMPONENT)
CONTAINING A RUBBER GEL)
AND SYNDIOTATIC 1,2-)
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Serial No.: 10/071,905)
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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed February 17, 2004, Applicants respond as follows.